

**Minutes from the USSVI Tarheel Base Meeting  
Held at American Legion Post #67, Cary, NC  
05 October 2013**

**Submitted by Base Secretary Bill Lowe**

Before start of the Base meeting, 9 Subvets plus Andreas, son of Spencer Combos, chowed down at the Golden Corral in Cary at or about 8:30 AM.

Tarheel Base Commander Bill (Butterbean) Dixon called the meeting to order at 9:58 AM and offered up the opening prayer. Chaplain Bill Whelan was not present due to recovering from a recent fall at his home. Butterbean lead the 22 Subvets and two guests present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**INTRODUCTIONS:**

Commander Butterbean asked all Subvets to stand and introduce themselves by stating the year they earned their dolphins, the name of their qualification boat, plus any other pertinent comments. First, introduction was afforded to the one WWII Subvet in attendance, Martin Kirwan. Jim Wallace called on the four newest Tarheel Base members present to introduce themselves. One guest, Jim Callahan, stated his father was a WWII submariner and had made one war patrol on the Sailfish and two on the Batfish. COB Patch Paciorek's wife, Wendy, was "present and accounted for."

**TOLLING OF THE LOST BOATS:**

Patch Paciorek and Dave Campbell conducted a reading of the names, recount of loss, along with a slide presentation, and followed by tolling of the bell in solemn remembrance of the 13 US Navy submarines lost during the months of September and October - 4 in September and 9 in October.

**SPEAKER** - Retired CDR Dave Campbell

Subject: Tooth to Tail - The importance of submarine force support units.

Dave covered the continuing need and the lack of a strong supply internal structure for the military. He shared slides of sub tenders and floating dry docks and went over the job both of these ships do to support the US Navy's submarine fleet. This assistance is spread very thin with only two submarine tenders in commission at present.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

HOLLAND CLUB

1. Holland Club Coordinator Jim Davis stated all Holland Club awards have been presented for this year. He reminded Subvets that the proceeds from the Base meeting raffles are designated to monetarily support the Holland Club.

REPORTS

1. Commander Butterbean announced plans are finalized for the Pearl Harbor dinner/meeting to be held at the University Club in Raleigh on Saturday, December 7, 2013. Butterbean said Past Base Commander Gordon Banks wanted to attend today's meeting, but he is "in isolation" due to an ongoing 2nd phase treatment procedure. Gordon would welcome phone calls from Base members. Also, Butterbean has lost his list of potential Base members due to a computer virus. Pay your dues for 2014!!!
2. Base Vice Commander John Cunningham was not present.
3. Base Secretary Bill Lowe called for a motion to approve the minutes from the last Tarheel Base meeting held on August 3, 2013 as posted on the NC Subvets website. Motion was made, seconded, and passed for approval of minutes as distributed.

4. Base Treasurer Dave Campbell covered the treasurer's report. Beginning balance CY 2013 was \$7,133.48, receipts totaled \$2,948.03, disbursements & commitments were \$2,326.64, and ending balance of \$7,754.87 with overall cash flow status of + \$621.39. Currently Tarheel Base membership stands at 157 regular and 2 associate members.
5. COB/ All Clear Editor/ Website Guru Patch Paciorek is soliciting inputs for the next publication of the All Clear and needs them by the last Friday in October (October 25, 2013) He noted delay in sending out the next edition of All Clear is due to his job travel commitments . Patch stated long, lengthy items are available on the NC Subvets website.
6. Tarheel Base Storekeeper and Public Relations Officer, Jim Wallace passed around his book of items in his inventory. Jim stated the Tarheel Base has completed the two year commitment for the Bond Park Adopt-A-Spot Project. Motion was made and passed for the Tarheel Base to continue with this project. With continued involvement, our Subvets signs will stay posted in the Bond Park. Jim will ramrod the project again - unless someone else comes forward to do the job.
7. S.E. Regional Commander Dick Kanning shared the following:
  - A. The Groton Base "problem" is behind us!
  - B. The Smokey Mountain Base has approved a tartan.
  - C. Dick went over the upcoming USSVI National elections and pointed out the positions of National Treasurer and Secretary are open for nominations. Bill Andrea will be running for the office of National Jr. Vice Commander.
  - D. Dick covered the awards presented at the Rochester, MN USSVI National Convention. BZ's go out to District 1 for "mopping up". Dick formally presented the All Clear Newsletter of the Year and Robert Link Awards to Patch Paciorek. A hearty round of applause followed for Patch and his continued A#1 job. As a noteworthy item, Commander Butterbean received the Robert Link Award at the National Convention.
8. District 1 Commander Steve Bell covered the need to recruit new Subvet Base members with a goal to add at least 10 members in order to get back up to last year's membership level. Steve congratulated NC Subvets for being the first time recipient of the Meritorious Award at the USSVI National Convention held in Rochester, MN. The status of the N.C. Submarine Memorial on Moonshine Mountain near Burnsville was reviewed. The owner of the property, Tony Valovich, is in the process of selling the house and grounds. Per Steve, Tony is in favor of drawing up a restricted covenant agreement that would set aside or protect that section of the property containing the memorial. A big Subvets participation/parade is planned for 2014 in Washington, D.C. with a ceremony at the Navy Memorial on May 24th. This ceremony will celebrate the 50th anniversary of USSVI. As a note, the USSVI National Convention will be held in San Francisco, CA. Pre-polling for Base donations for the Sailor of the Year Awards will be coming soon.
9. North Carolina Subvets Commander Jim Myers was not in attendance.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Service Projects - Wayne Powell was not present to report on the Military Missions In Action Project.
2. Report on Upcoming Parades etc. – Chuck Jensen covered the schedule of parades and events:

Saturday October 12th - Fly-in at the Asheboro Airport. Need Subvets to man the static display. Three Veteran's Day Parades- back to back. 1. Winston-Salem Parade on Saturday November 9th at 10:00 AM. 2. High Point Parade on Sunday November 10th at 3:00 PM (Positions 58-59). 3. Asheboro Parade on Veteran's Day- Monday November 11th at 4:00 PM (form up at 3:00-3:30 PM). Also, a Christmas Parade in Asheville is planned for November 23rd at 11:00 AM.

Henry Hagwood announced a first-ever Veteran's Day Parade will take place in Oxford, NC on November 11, 2013 at 10:00 AM (form up at 9:00 AM). All Subvets in the area are invited to participate in the parade, but the submarine and torpedo floats will not be available due to other parade commitments.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Jerry Leppart stated he believes the implementation of a "TEMPORARY" Veterans designation on your NC driver's license will be in effect soon. When you renew your driver's license you will have to request this to be added to your license and there will be no additional charge when renewing your license. To allow the request go along without a hitch, take a copy of your DD214 with you to the NC DMV. Jerry displayed his wallet size DD214 that was reduced at a "copy store."
2. After a bit of discussion, Commander Butterbean asked for a motion to approve a Tarheel Base expenditure of \$37.50 to cover the cost of checks for a Tarheel Base special events checking account. This account will handle funds used as seed money for USSVI S.E. Regional meetings. Motion was made and approved.
3. Tarheel Base Librarian Wolfgang Friedrich needs Base members to pick up books from the selection he brings to Base meetings. That way he will not have to transport so many back and forth to the meetings.

## **OPEN FLOOR:**

1. Dick Kanning covered a proposed "War on Terror" Memorial project at the Holly Springs Veterans Park. This project started out as a Boy Scouts of America Eagle Project. David Griffith is dedicating this memorial in memory of his brother who died in Afghanistan on December 14, 2011. As a means to raise funds for the construction of the memorial, bricks are on sale for \$100.00 each. Hopefully all will go well and the memorial will have a formal dedication ceremony on Saturday, June 14, 2014. (Flag Day). Motion was made and passed for the Tarheel Base to purchase a brick for \$100.00. As info, NC Subvets Commander Jim Myers has passed along this worthy cause to the other five NC Subvet Bases.

## **BENEDICTION:**

Commander Butterbean closed the meeting by offering a prayer for safe travel.

## **NEXT BASE MEETING:**

The next Tarheel Base meeting will be held on Saturday, December 7, 2013 - Annual Pearl Harbor Meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at: 11:58 AM

Raffle Czar Henry Hagwood conducted the 50/50 raffle drawing. Tarheel Base member Joe Goarck was the big winner of \$58.50 while attending his first base meeting.